

STATE OF IDAHO)
COUNTY OF BONNER)
CITY OF PRIEST RIVER)

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 01/20/26

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 20, 2026, at the Priest River City Hall Council Chambers, 552 High Street, Priest River, Idaho.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Council President Turner, Council Member Mullaley, Council Member Wagner, and Council Member Brower. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, Deputy City Clerk Lentz, City Attorney Elsaesser, Chief of Police McLain, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 01/05/26

B. PAYABLES

C. MONTHLY RESERVE TRANSFER – DECEMBER 2025

D. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

E. RESOLUTION 26-002 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

None

5. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

Council Member Wagner and Council Member Turner gave an update on the Parks and Tree Commission. Discussion ensued.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief of Police McLain gave an update on Law Enforcement.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Connolly gave an update on Public Works.

D. PROJECT UPDATES

Various project updates were given.

1. WELCH COMER – PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Welch Comer provided a written project status update.

2. FY26 – FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal year 2026 first quarter financial report was presented to the Mayor and City Council.

E. BUILDING & ZONING

Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell gave an update on Building & Zoning.

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – DISCUSSION REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND RECREATION COMPONENT DRAFTS

Discussion ensued regarding the draft natural resources, agriculture, and recreation components of the comprehensive plan update.

2. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – PHASE 2 DATA SUMMARY AND EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell presented the Phase 2 Data Summary and Existing Conditions Report.

6. BUSINESS

A. HMH ENGINEERING – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with HMH Engineering for floodplain development permit review services as presented. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. DALEY’S RIVERS END DIVISION – FINAL PLAT APPROVAL

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the final plat for Daley’s River End Division, File #2025-007, finding that it complies with the approved preliminary plat, the conditions of approval, and applicable provisions of Priest River City Code, and authorize staff to proceed with recording. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

C. CONTROL #2026-01-03 – WEST BONNER LIBRARY DISTRICT – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PARK RESERVATION FEES AND SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the waiver of four \$70.00 park reservation fees and four \$25.00 special event permit fees for the West Bonner Library District for the Summer Reading Program. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

D. WEST PEND ORIELLE FIRE DISTRICT – MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT & REAL PROPERTY LEASE ADDENDUM #1 – STATION #2

Lengthy Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve Addendum #1 to the Memorandum Agreement and Real Property and Building Lease with the West Pend Oreille Fire District for Station #2, setting the rental value at \$800.00 annually, and correcting the dates. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

E. RESOLUTION 26-003 – STATE INVESTMENT POOL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve Resolution 26-003. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

ADJOURN:

Council Member Brower made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 01/20/26: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer